

REMARKS

After entry of the amendments contained on the Response filed March 4, 2003, Claims 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78-80, 87, 88, 91, 97, 98 and 100-108 are now pending in the application, with Claims 63, 72, 79, 87, 91 and 97 in independent form.

It is respectfully requested that any of the amendments contained in the Response filed March 4, 2003 that have not been entered as of this date be entered at this time.

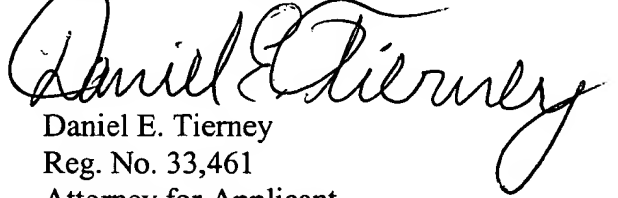
It is greatly acknowledged that the rejections under 35 USC §112 and the objection of record are overcome by the amendments.

In the Advisory Action dated March 21, 2003, the Examiner states (in paragraph 7) that the proposed Amendments will be entered for purposes of Appeal, but does not explain how the amended claims would be rejected. Further, although the Examiner indicates in paragraph 5 that the request for reconsideration has been considered, the continuation of paragraph 5 describes that the arguments and various limitation changes require further consideration. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the arguments, limitation changes, and new claims contained in the Response filed March 4, 2003 and provide an evaluation of the amended claims.

Independent Claims 63, 72, 79, 87, 91 and 97 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 64, 66, 67, 69, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80, 88, 98 and 100-108, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78-80, 87, 88, 91, 97, 98 and 100-108, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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